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SUBJ: CERP 0400: AGRICULTURAL SITUATION IN MADAGASCAR: 1978 RICE  
IMPORTS

REFS: A) ANTANANARIVO 1180 AND PREVIOUS; B) ANTANANARIVO  
AIRGRAM A-004, 4/14/78

1. SUMMARY. SO FAR IN 1978 ABOUT 30,000 METRIC TONS OF  
RICE PADDY AND 40,000 TONS OF WHITE RICE HAVE BEEN  
IMPORTED AT TAMATAVE. RICE IMPORTED FROM SEVERAL COUN-  
TRIES, INCLUDING AT LEAST 20,000 TONS FROM PRC. RICE  
IMPORTS EXPECTED TO INCREASE AND PEAK IN NOVEMBER. END  
SUMMARY.

2. TAMATAVE PORT GENERAL DIRECTOR RAKOTOVAO IN INTERVIEW  
WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS JULY 12 REPORTED THAT SO FAR ABOUT  
40,000 METRIC TONS OF WHITE RICE AND 30,000 TONS OF PADDY  
HAVE BEEN IMPORTED AT TAMATAVE IN CY 1978. 21,000 TONS OF THAT PADDY  
IS STILL STORED AND ROTTING IN PORT'S WAREHOUSES. DELAY  
IN MOVING PADDY OUT OF TAMATAVE CAUSED BY SLOW SPEED OF  
TREATING IT WITH DDT. ONLY ABOUT 100 TONS OF PADDY PER  
DAY CAN BE PROCESSED. TAMATAVE PORT RECEIVES ABOUT  
80 PERCENT OF MADAGASCAR'S RICE IMPORTS.

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3. RAKOTOVAO SAID RICE IMPORTED FROM SEVERAL SOURCES,  
INCLUDING BURMA, PAKISTAN AND PRC. FROM STATISTICS  
TABLE ON DIRECTOR'S DESK, OFFICER NOTED THAT FOUR PRC  
SHIPS HAVE BROUGHT IN 20,000-25,000 TONS OF RICE.

4. IN AUGUST ABOUT 20,000 TONS OF RICE ARE EXPECTED  
TO BE IMPORTED AT TAMATAVE. MOST OF RICE TO BE IMPORTED

IN 1978 STILL TO COME, AND PEAK WILL BE IN NOVEMBER.  
BECAUSE OF ANTICIPATED INADEQUATE WAREHOUSE CAPACITY  
OF THE PORT, UNUSED CONTAINERS MAY BE USED FOR RICE  
STORAGE. MOST OF THE RICE DESTINED FOR ANTANANARIVO.

5. ALSO CURRENTLY IN STORAGE AT PORT ARE 170 TONS OF  
U.S. RICE, IMPORTED BY CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES. THIS  
RICE HAS NOT BEEN HIGH ON MADAGASCAR GOVERNMENT'S PRIORITY  
LIST FOR SHIPPING OUT OF TAMATAVE, BUT IS EXPECTED TO BE  
MOVED NEXT WEEK.BARRETT

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